

City of Preston
 Regular City Council Meeting
 April 13, 2026

The City Council, the governing body of the City of Preston, State of Iowa, met in regular session in the Preston Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor, Tyler Sieverding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dylan Meyer, Matt Petersen, Leesa Budde, Matt Gerardy, Adam Reuter
 Absent: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk, Tracey Lee, Deputy Clerk, Chad Gruver, Police Chief, Kyle and Halle Petersen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by L. Budde, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Including minutes of the last meeting, financial reports, payment approval of paid and unpaid claims, utility reports, monthly police report, Gas water heater rebate – Lane - \$25, Gas water heater rebate – Rittmer - \$25, Refrigerator Rebate – Stoll - \$50, Gas Furnace rebate - \$100, Dishwasher rebate - \$50, Clothes Washer rebate - \$35 – Michel and Sidewalk replacement program - \$568.87 – Bolton. A motion was made to approve consent agenda by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

Payee	Description	Amount
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	3 SHIRTS CHAD/3 SHIRTS ADAM	445.39
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT		
ACAD	INSERVICE TRAINING 2 HRS	25.00
AT&T MOBILITY	PD PHONE SERVICE	282.87
PRESTON TELEPHONE		
COMPANY	MARCH 2026 PHONE SERVICE	850.70
DUBUQUE FIRE EQUIPMENT		
INC	FIRE EXT SXS	728.00
UNIFORM DEN INC	PAX2 PEGASUS PATROL/ID NAME STRIP	885.00
VC3 INC.	ITnBox SUPPORT	923.28
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	42.00
KEENEY WELDING	ADD SHELVING/CHOKE VALVE	1,339.84
RUCHOTZKE, LONDON	REIMBURSEMENT PARTS/MILLAGE	280.68
USCELLULAR	FD CELL BILL	29.58
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	M18 18V BATTERY	1,280.32
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	2 LIGHT BULBS STREET SWEEPER	24.91
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	ENGINE OIL	107.50
PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	MARCH 2026 UTILITIES	10,764.79
FARRELL'S INC	MOUSE POISON	52.40
PRESTON READY MIX CORP.	ROAD ROCK STREETS	74.65
ASSOCIATED INSURANCE	GENERAL,AUTO, LIAB,PROP INS.	98,480.91
WELLMARK	APRIL 2026 HEALTH INSURANCE	10,118.53
IOWA WORKFORCE		
DEVELOPMENT	1ST QTR UNEMPLOYMENT 2026	135.06

PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTIL.	FEBRUARY 2026 UTILITIES	389.20
PRESTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	FEBRUARY 2026 PHONE SERVICE	82.29
SMART APPLE MEDIA	4 BOOKS	79.12
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	15 BOOKS	365.31
QUILL CORPORATION	HP 80A BLACK TONER	257.39
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING	MOVIE LICENSING	137.00
GERARDY OUTDOOR PWR	WELD PLAYGOUND EQUIP TWOGOOD PARK	197.49
BELLEVUE LUMBER	WESTSIDE PARK PLAYGROUND REPAIRS	98.56
WAGNER NURSERY INC.	16 TREES/32 FERTILIZER PAKS	3,340.19
LYNCH DALLAS P.C.	CORRECTIVE WARRANTY DEED 312 W GILLET	472.50
JACKSON CO. MUNICIPAL	2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES	25.00
PRESTON TIMES	03/09/26 CLAIMS	633.34
ECIA	CODIFICATION 13.5 HRS	1,336.50
GOERDT INSPECTION SERV.	INSPECTION/PICTURES/LETTERS/POSTAGE	326.30
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	STAPLER	881.36
QUILL CORPORATION	LETTER/LEGAL COPY PAPER	73.81
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK	MARCH 2026 MAINTENACE FEE	46.65
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	HOTEL/MEALS IAMU CONFERENCE	181.25
TREASURER/SALES TAX	WATER EXCISE TAX	1,293.87
CHEM RIGHT LABS	WATER SAMPLE LAB FEE	28.00
HAWKINS INC	104 AZONE	556.65
IA ASSOC. OF MUN. UTIL.	2026-27 WATER MEMBER DUES	5,738.00
MILES LUMBER AND HARDWARE	TRACE WIRE OLSONS	223.94
ORIGIN DESIGN	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND ANALYSIS	1,406.16
UNION-HOERMANN PRESS	BLANK PERFORATED BILLS	584.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	2026 SERVICE AGREEMENT	1,350.00
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO	JET/VAC MILDRED ST-MITCHELL BILLMEYERS	2,717.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	GAS REIMBURSEMENT CONFRENCE	15.00
MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELEC	SECURITY LIGHT FEB 2026	9.12
WPPI	MARCH 2026 POWER PURCHASE	36,328.99
BELLEVUE MUNICIPAL UTIL	STORM DAMAGE AID 04/02/2026	1,462.50
CULLIGAN OF CLINTON	WATER COND. LT PLANT RENTAL	37.85
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	10PHOTO EYE/3DEADEND ARM/6CROSSARM MISC	3,108.14
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	PSF-B. TIETJENS	675.30
KUNAU IMPLEMENT CO	BUCKET FOR TRACTOR	4,070.00
OLY'S GARAGE	4 TIRES GAS PICKUP	1,247.95
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP	FEBRUARY 2026 COMMODITY INVOICE	24,038.97
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP	MARCH 2026 RESERVATION INVOICE	19,489.63
PEFA INC.	MARCH 2026 PEFA COMMODITY INVOICE	11,531.66
BEHN, CAROLINE	GAS WATER HEATER REBATE	25.00
CITY OF PRESTON	PUBLIC GAS WEEK WINNER S. TEICHLER	50.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	MARCH 2026 LIFE INS	382.69
TREASURER/SALES TAX	LOCAL OPTION TAX	4,134.25
CLINTON CO AREA WASTE	MARCH 2025 REFUSE	2,968.33
WASTE AUTH - JACKSON CO	APRIL-JUNE 2026 LANDFILL ASSESSMENT	3,126.96
ACCESS SYSTEMS	LEASE PMT SHARP COPIER	137.43

1ST AYD CORPORATION	TOWELS/TOILET PAPER/GARB BAGS/ PAINT/CLEANER	456.74
IOWA ASSOC. OF MUN. UTIL	APRIL-JUNE 2026 QTLY SAFETY TRAINING	987.50
GEERTS, JASON	REIMB. BOOTS	100.03
DAWN BORMANN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	91.06
	TOTAL	264,167.39

GROSS WAGES 3/2026 47,804.48

EXPENDITURES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	74,468.17
DEBT SERVICE FUND	0.00
ROAD USE TAX FUND	0.00
INSURANCE RESERVE	0
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	0.00
WATER FUND	18,917.53
SEWER FUND	17,831.61
ELECTRIC FUND	75,365.00
GAS FUND	67,420.26
GARBAGE FUND	10,073.76
STORM WATER FUND	0.00

MARCH 2026

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	235,544.06
ROAD USE TAX FUND	285,537.13
EMPL BENEFIT TAX	136,286.10
EMERGENCY	44,537.72
TIF	65,972.21
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	32,923.35
DEBT SERVICE FUND	-128,375.43
WATER FUND	906,587.13
SEWER FUND	612,605.18
STORM WATER FUND	107,106.02
ELECTRIC FUND	923,786.91
GAS FUND	717,684.89
GARBAGE FUND	95,639.92

PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Adoption of the City of Preston Iowa Code of Ordinances. Motion to Open Public Hearing was made by M. Gerardy, seconded by L. Budde. Motion carried.

Sieverding asked for any comments – None were received at meeting or at City Hall.

Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-02: Adopting the City Code of Ordinances: Mayor Sieverding held the 1st reading and asked for motion to approve. Motion by D. Meyer, second by L. Budde. Motion carried.

A motion to Waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings was made by D. Meyer, seconded by L. Budde. Motion carried.

A motion to Adopt the Preston Iowa Code of Ordinances was made by A. Reuter, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING on Full Budget Adoption. Motion to open Public Hearing was made by D. Meyer, seconded by L. Budde. Motion carried. Sieverding asked for any comments – None were received at meeting or at City Hall. Motion to close Public Hearing was made by M. Gerardy, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2025-17: Approving Adoption of FY26/27 Budget and Certification of City Taxes: Motion to approve was made by A. Reuter, seconded by M. Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

HARVEST HEIGHTS COVENANT AMENDMENT: Discussion and review of the draft Harvest Heights Subdivision Covenant Amendment prepared by Lynch Dallas was held for consideration of approval. Amendments to the Covenant include allowing single-story single-family dwellings to be constructed on a double lot with minimum size of 2,000 square feet and Two -story single-family dwellings with minimum size of 2,500 sq. feet. No more than 10 of the total lots may be combined into double lots with the rest of the lots only allowed to have one single-family or two-family dwelling to be constructed on each Lot as originally platted. The amendment also included pages for current lot owners to sign off in agreement to the revision. After discussion on possibly designating lots that can be combined and compensation of costs associated with the amendment, no changes to the draft will be made. A motion to approve the Amendment was made by D. Meyer, seconded by L. Budde. Roll Call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 1 – Matt Petersen. Motion carried.

OFFER TO BUY REAL ESTATE: It was determined through our City Attorney that the Offer to Buy presented by Kyle and Halle Petersen would be also considered their purchase agreement, which in turn would require a public hearing be held prior to approval. Since Harvest Heights is now located within the City's Urban Renewal Area, certain language is required to be in the resolution setting the public hearing. The resolution was not available at the time of posting the agenda. Therefore, the Offer to buy will be tabled until after the Public Hearing which will be set at the next council meeting, April 27th for May 11th.

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE: Item tabled until the next meeting.

LISTING AGENT CONTRACT: Discussion was held to get clarification on the current contract for listing agent fee to the extent double-lots were not permitted at time of the original agreement. Council were all in agreement to consider the double lot purchase as 2 lots and keeping the fee at \$1500 per lot for a total of \$3000.

RESOLUTION 2025-20 – APPROVAL OF PLAT OF SURVEY: A plat of Survey from Weber Surveying requires approval of council because the parcel is within 2 miles of the City Limits. Joe Kilburg is adding land to his parcel to encompass all the outbuildings on his property into one parcel. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-20 was made by D. Meyer, seconded by L. Budde. Motion carried unanimously.

SPEED SIGNS: Chief Gruver checked into the status of the DOT radar speed signs that we were to have received over a year ago. The program is on hold until the faulty equipment issues can be worked out, but we are on the list for when it does open. Gruver presented a quote on purchasing at our own cost of \$3,410 each. The council determined that if we purchase 2 and end up getting 2 from the DOT, we could always move 2 to another location. Ganzer informed council that the city can use Road Use money for the purchase of radar speed signed, confirmed by Mary Beth from the DOT. A motion to approve the order of 2 radar speed signs was made by D. Meyer, seconded by M. Gerardy. Motion carried.

WPPI/CITY OF PRESTON SCHOLARSHIP: The City receives funding from WPPI Energy annually to provide scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors of the City's electric customers. This year we received one application. A motion to award a \$1000 Scholarship to Keyara Zeimet was made by L. Budde, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nuisance Abatement Update – Discussion was held and a follow up with Goerdts Inspection Service will be held with Gruver and Ganzer.

- Marketing Strategies – Sieverding asked for council’s blessing to reach out to a local marketing agent to attend a council meeting to discuss possible strategies.
- Town Hall Entrance – We are working with a local business to provide plans and cost estimates for updating the entrance to the town hall. Council agreed to a budget of \$20,000.
- Summer Help – Discussion on proceeding with hiring for the position was held. Lead Operator Tietjens and Ganzer will schedule interviews and make recommendation to council at the next meeting.
- Spring Clean Up – Costs for renting a large dumpster to be placed at the City Shed location for residents to disposed of unwanted items were received. Council was in favor of renting a dumpster from AT Disposal for the week of the City-Wide Garage Sale upon availability.
- Tornado Damage update – A list of damages to City property and related costs for repair/replacement of electric lines and poles was reviewed. We are waiting on invoices to determine final cost of damage.

Mayor Sieverding wanted to commend everyone for their clean-up efforts including City Staff for making calls and their time involved in restoring power, Residents and Neighbors helping neighbors.

- Sr. Housing – Blowing debris will need to be addressed. Council would like to also have an update on the developer’s plans for the units as they are nearing completion to be able to share with interested residents.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business, Sieverding asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by A. Reuter, seconded by D. Meyer. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.



Tyler Sieverding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Ganzer, City Administrator/Clerk